

NOTES FROM WASHINGTON

Comment and Criticism of Administration Methods by Capital Correspondent.

WILD EXTRAVAGANCE OF REPUBLICANS.

The Revenues of Cuba Largely Absorbed by War Department Favorites—More Military Elegance Provided For—Philippine News Is Being Withheld.

[Special Correspondence.]

Already there are indications of the extravagance and disregard of law which are sure to follow in the wake of applied imperialism. The republican majority in congress is being forced to consider some of the extravagant expenditures in Cuba, though they are very reluctant to do so, fearing the effect which the inevitable disclosures will have upon the presidential campaign.

Mr. McKinley, with his usual lack of tact, brought this discussion upon himself by sending a verbose message to congress asking permission to have military officers hold over in Porto Rico and occupy the civil offices at double salary until appointments were made from Washington. This precipitated a discussion which brought up the Cuban matter. There have been stories afloat in Washington for some time about the lavish expenditure which characterized the war department's pet projects who are supposed to be giving Cuba an idea of what self government means.

In the case of Cuba, especially, the administration always has fervently disclaimed any desire to exploit imperialist notions, and has often assured both the Cubans and the people of the United States that its policy in that island was purely benevolent.

Of course that may all be, but the American officers seem to be having a pretty good time there. There is a general desire among the democrats in congress to find out just what the administration and war department have been doing with the revenues of Cuba. Secretary Root promises that a detailed account shall soon be submitted to the senate, and it is expected that it will make very interesting reading.

Luxury in Cuba.

It is known that the disbursements of the Cuban funds up to the close of 1899 reached the tidy sum of \$14,000,000, and a great portion of that amount has been spent in paying the salaries and incidentals relative to American occupation of the island. It is said that Gov. Wood manages to draw about \$17,000 a year from various sources, and other officials in proportion. The governor general's beautiful palace at Havana has been refitted for American use in a style which would make Gen. Weyler turn green with envy.

The meat of the whole proposition lies in the fact that these army officers are violating section 1269 of the Revised Statutes, which says: "No allowance shall be made to officers in addition to their pay." It is said that the war department will try to shift responsibility on the matter by saying that it permitted the extra allowance from Cuban revenues after the attorney general had so advised, and that because the amounts were taken from the Cuban revenues no law of the United States was violated.

The matter of the Cuban extravagance is not in itself so important, it is merely a practical illustration of what is bound to be done all along the line if the imperialism is to be the policy of this country.

In this matter the administration and its department officers set themselves above congress and outside statute law, and used the revenues which should have been held in trust to pay the debts of Cuba and rebuild its shattered industries.

The same thing will be done in Porto Rico under the new tariff and government law. The war of subjugation is being carried on in the Philippines at an immense cost, for the express purpose of exterminating the natives who have energy and spirit enough to desire independence. That kind of natives do not lend themselves well to trust and corporate exploitation.

When the Cuban matter came up in the senate, Senator Platt was injudicious enough to put the administration policy in a nutshell. He declared that the "president could do as he pleased in Cuba without being responsible to congress for his action."

The democrats have contended all along that imperialism meant the assumption of this irresponsible power by the president, and that it would be used to plunder and oppress the inhabitants of the insular possessions.

Military Elegance.

The army and navy appropriation bills show the same wild desire to spend money in building up bulwarks for an autocratic administration. The naval bill especially provides for the most luxurious quarters for a lot of pampered cadets at Annapolis. Millions of dollars are asked to build barracks for a few young men who will thus become unfitted for actual hard service, should they ever be needed.

The republicans think that they have succeeded in leaving the way open to pay any price they choose for armor plate, more than \$545 a ton, should the Carnegie and Bethlehem combination desire it. To be sure, a strict construction of the amendment on that point as it now stands in the house would limit the war department to \$300 a ton, as provided by the last congress, but the construction is sure to be made liberal enough by the war department to accommodate the manufacturers of armor plate.

These are only a few items on the list of expenditures proposed by this republican congress. The total will be so stupendous that the mind simply cannot grasp it with any degree of definiteness. It will be a record of millions spent in every direction where there was a trust influence to be served and subsidies outright to those who would not be satisfied with ordinary legislative appropriations.

This policy will enable Mark Hanna to assess the trusts for the big campaign fund which he considers necessary and the voters will have the melancholy satisfaction of reflecting that in the final analysis they, and not the trusts, foot the bills.

The Philippine Situation.

The news from the Philippines indicates that the new commission will be wise in staying in Manila for awhile after its arrival. The Filipinos are rising in every province in Luzon. Not 20 miles from Manila they are tearing up railroads and ambushing American troops.

The war department reports indicate unusually heavy losses among the Filipinos and it is a significant fact that our soldiers never take any Filipino prisoners nor are there any Filipino wounded in our hospitals. What becomes of them? Surely, the occasional reports of shooting down Filipino prisoners does not mean that the administration has applied the policy of extermination in imitation of British methods of dealing with natives in Africa.

It is going to be very difficult from now on to get any real news of what is going on in the Philippines. The war department will censor the facts with great care and every precaution will be taken to give the people as little information as possible during the presidential campaign.

KENNAUGH.

Hanna's Leadership.

We are glad to see that there are signs of a revolt among the house republicans against the leadership of Mark Hanna. It is known that the Ohio senator is very anxious to secure the passage of the ship subsidy bill and it is probable that the bill will be pressed to a vote in the senate, though the assent of a majority of the senate republicans has been given with reluctance. But in the house the spirit is much less tame. In that body it is felt that the senate is too much disposed to control legislation and that the influence of Hanna is too strong. Moreover, the representatives from the western and middle states know that the bill is unpopular with their constituents. We are told that at least 50 republican members are pledged against a consideration of the bill in the house. This is, indeed, good news. It is time the republican party were beginning to realize that the people are very much in earnest in their opposition to this bill. They know that it is not in their interest, but that it is being backed by railroad and Standard Oil magnates, because they would make money out of it at the expense of the people. Nor can they be made to believe that Mark Hanna's advocacy of the bill is entirely disinterested.—Indianapolis News.

As to Expansion.

"The territorial growth of the United States heretofore has been simply an acquisition of contiguous territory to provide homes for our own people, and where states were to be erected which were in time to become a part of the American union on terms of absolute equality with all other states. No thought has ever entered the mind of any man in the acquisition of Louisiana, or the territory we acquired from Mexico, that an alien people were to be held in a condition of vassalage perpetually and controlled by the arbitrary will of the American congress as Great Britain governs her colonies. This sort of growth or territorial expansion was strictly in accord with every principle of government for which we contend now. This Porto Rican policy, however, is an absolute departure, and totally different in all respects from anything that has been done heretofore.—Senator James K. Jones, in National Watchman.

Some of the administration's acts which the republican platform will not indorse are the pro-British conduct of the state department, the attitude of hostility against the Boer republics, the Macrum incident, the favoritism shown by the secretary of the treasury for the Standard Oil banks, Alger's beef contracts, rotten transports and plague ship scandals, Root's dredging permits and Griggs' crusade of passivity against the trusts. But the republicans can't put everything they have done into their platform. It would read too much like a treatise on crime if they did so.—Kansas City Times.

Imperialism has spread by infection from one jingo-crazed country to another until it has come to be recognized as an international "principle" that weaker nations may be robbed of their liberties as well as their lands in order that the strong nations may "compensate" each other and maintain peace among themselves, based on a copartnership in conquest, annexation and plunder. And it is into this vicious maze of imperial "world politics" that the McKinley administration is leading us.—Baltimore Sun.

No people in the world have ever fought for independence and self-government more deserving of American sympathy than the brave Dutchmen of the South African republics. The McKinley administration is pro-British and its influence will probably muzzle the American congress so it will not declare the judgment and wishes of the American people. Even Russia is likely to be ahead of us in sending governmental good wishes to the Boers.—Pittsburgh Post.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE.

The Reduction in Iron and Steel Brings Out Much New Business—Large Movement of Wheat from Farms.

New York, May 5.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade to-day says: Failure returns for April are especially valuable because they show that there does not exist, in the most important branches of business, the conditions which threaten disaster. They call attention to one line in which some curtailment had seemed from previous returns to be in progress and has been hastened by extensive strikes in the building trades. Strikes springing from disputes about the terms of work and wages for the coming year have also made distinct progress toward settlement.

The reduction in prices of iron and steel and their products has gone far enough to bring out much new business. At the end of last week cut rails were reduced 45 cents per keg and in plates and bars somewhat lower prices have been reported.

April exports of breadstuffs have been large, both wheat and corn surpassing last year's record. Atlantic exports of wheat in five weeks, flour included, have reached 11,080,903 bushels, against 10,744,798 last year. Pacific exports, 3,513,250 bushels, against 2,090,737 last year, and corn exports 15,773,337 against 12,740,942 last year. In spite of conflicting stories the movement of wheat from the farms continues larger than a year ago. The price closed as it opened, while corn declined two cents.

Failures for the week have been 209 in the United States against 137 last year.

VARNISH WORKS ON FIRE.

Eight of the Great Tanks at Elm Park, S. I., Blow Up and Their Contents Showered in All Directions.

New York, May 5.—The Standard Varnish works at Elm Park, S. I., were discovered to be on fire early this morning and the whole works were for a time threatened with destruction. There was first an explosion that shook buildings for a radius of a mile. It is believed that there was an explosion of the gases in one of the large tanks connected with the works. The flames spread rapidly. Fire engines from Port Richmond were soon on the scene, and a general alarm was sent in calling all of the apparatus and fire tugs from the north shore of Staten Island. At one o'clock the fire had extended over a great area that it was in danger of getting away from the control of the tugs. Time and again the oils were carried to the tugs, which had to turn their hose upon themselves. To have let the fire escape down the docks and boats along the Staten Island shore. The tugs managed to hold the fire in check upon the water, while the firemen on shore fought them back from the buildings. Eight of the great tanks, each containing 5,000 gallons of material, blew up within two hours. Each explosion threw the burning contents in every direction and repeatedly endangered the lives of the firemen and sent the fire among the buildings. The flames upon the water finally communicated to and destroyed the docks and some of the smaller buildings out near the water's edge in the vicinity of the varnish works.

A Jealous Lover's Act.

El Paso, Tex., May 5.—At Yslet, 12 miles from this city, Pablo Alvarez, a jealous lover, while attempting to shoot his sweetheart, a Miss Logan, accidentally wounded two young men. News reached here last night that the young lady died at six o'clock from the effects of the shock. The young lady had been keeping company with Alvarez. Recently she became engaged to Abraham Alderete, brother of the district clerk of El Paso county. This enraged Alvarez and Thursday night at a dance he drew a revolver and fired at her. The bullet missed the girl but passed through the leg of Angelo Yrogellons and lodged in the leg of Abraham Alderete, severely wounding both.

Loss of the Steamer Geneig.

San Francisco, May 5.—Particulars of the loss of the British steamer Geneig, bound from Melbourne to Gipsland, were received yesterday by the steamer Alameda. The cable reports receive last month had it that all hands were lost, but the mail advices state that three men were rescued and that 20 passengers and 13 of the crew went down with the vessel. The wreck was caused by the steamed springing a plate during a storm.

Walcott and Billy Smith Fight.

New York, May 5.—Joe Walcott and mysterious Billy Smith fought 23 rounds at catch weights before the Broadway Athletic club last night and Walcott got the decision. This was their fourth meeting. They fought two draws and Smith gained the decision the third time they got together. Smith did not fight with his usual snap and vigor last night, but he put up a very game battle.

A. M. E. Church Conference.

Columbus, O., May 5.—The council of bishops of the A. M. E. church continues in session preparing the quadrennial address to be presented to the general conference next Monday. Much rivalry has developed in the contest for the election of the four new bishops.

Labor Troubles at Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., May 5.—Carpenters and contractors have effected a compromise. Another trouble is brewing through the as yet unrecognized demands of the wood workers, which may result in a general strike, involving all the affiliated building trades in the city.

Few College Students Die. The death rate in colleges is extremely low. The strict attention to the hygiene is given as the cause. People outside of colleges, as well, may have health and strength. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is recommended most highly for preventing as well as curing bodily weakness. It is for the blood, the nerves and all stomach disorders, and its cures of constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia, sluggish liver or weak kidneys, are most remarkable.

Behind the Scenes.

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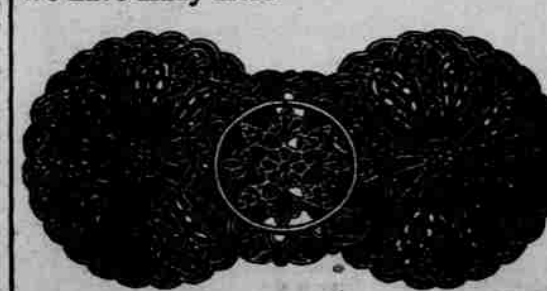
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